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SUBJECT : WEEKEND EVENTS

1. FOUNDING PORTUGUESE REPUBLIC OFFICIALLY COMMEMORATED ON OCTOBER BY BRIEF FLAG RAISING CEREMONY AND SPEECH BY INTERIM PONTA DELGADA MAYOR ON STEPS CITY HALL.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY, PONTA DELGADA MDP RPT MDP ORGANIZED MEETING OF ABOUT 50 PERSONS, MAINLY STUDENTS, ON CITY'S SALAZAR MOLE (SEAWALL AND DOCK). AFTER SPEECH BY CIVIL GOVERNAR BORGES COUTINHO TO EFFECT THAT ACT SYMBOLIC OF PORTUGAL'S THROWING

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OFF FORMER REGIMES TYRANNY, PLAQUE DEDICATING MOLE TO SALAZAR REMOVED AND THROWN INTO OCEAN TO CHEERS THOSE IN ATTENDANCE. MOLE RENAMED " MOLHE 25 DE ABRIL".

3. SAME GROUP THEN PROCEEDED TO PONTA DELGADA AIRPORT WHERE LARGE PLAQUE MARKING INAUGURATION OF AIRPORT BY AMERICO TOMAS REMOVED AND AIRPORT EXTEMPORANEOUSLY RE-NAMED "HUMBERTO DELGADO AIRPORT" WITH AEROSOL PAINT . PLAQUE LATER DRAGGED THOUGH CITY
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STREETS.

4. OCTOBER 6, NATIONAL DAY OF WORK, SAW MOST OF CITY'S STORES
AND BUSINESS OPEN, SOME WITH ONLY SKELETON STAFFS AND MANY
CLOSING AT NOON. BUSINESS CONSIDERABLY DAMPENED BY HEAVY RAINS.
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